

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E033_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

How many submissions for PSPI funding were received for 2006 by state and territory and how many have been funded to date and how many rejected.

Answer:

Whole of School Intervention (WoSI) Submissions approved/rejected in Round 1, 2006 by state and territory

State	WoSI applications received	Approved	Not approved
South Australia	51	41	10
New South Wales	259	190	69
Victoria	45	37	8
Queensland	101	64	37
Northern Territory	197	102	95
Western Australia	142	106	36
Tasmania	10	7	3
TOTAL	805	547	258

Note: "WoSI applications" includes all PSPI and Homework Centre applications.

Reasons for non-approval of WoSI submissions, through the competitive selection process, may include applications:

- being incomplete and needing more work before they are resubmitted;
- not fitting within, or addressing, guideline provisions;
- not demonstrating the involvement of parents of Indigenous students, or the community;
- being assessed by the relevant Advisory Committee as having a lower relative priority to other projects within the funds available for allocation.

Regional or State Advisory Committees (RAC/SACs) are consulted to provide advice on applications submitted. Membership of RAC/SACs variously comprise representatives from Indigenous Education Consultative Bodies, Indigenous communities, Indigenous Coordination Centres, State and Territory Departments of Education, Catholic Education Offices, Independent School Sector, and DEST.

Unsuccessful applications can be resubmitted, with or without modification, in future funding rounds. DEST provides formal feedback to unsuccessful applicants, including advice as to the reason(s) their application was unsuccessful. The formal feedback includes guidance and encouragement about how applications may be improved, advice as to the closing date of the next funding round, and details of a DEST officer to contact if proponents would like to discuss the matter further.